

# 2021 NDACTSNE SPRING NEWSLETTER

## North Dakota Association of Career & Technical Special Needs Educators

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### Introducing Michael Netzloff, ND CTE Administrator for Special Pops!



My name is Michael Netzloff, and I have transitioned into the Special Populations/Educational Equity Administrator position with ND CTE. My other position (Standards and Curriculum, Office for Civil Rights Reviewer) was merged when Deb Huber retired at the end of March.

I have been with the state department for 6.5 years now, but before that I was a teacher. After growing up in McClusky and attending Minot State University, I was a Music Teacher, grades K-12 both band and choir, in Hatton for three years. I then transitioned to my other major and taught German, grades 7-12, in Bismarck for seven years, traveling between many schools in the district. I only left teaching in order to obtain my Master's degree in Early Modern History at King's College London, UK. I am pleased to serve as your representative in special populations at the state level and in school visits, as it is an honor.

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### A Message from President Amy Campbell:



Letter from the President-

Hello! It is Amy Campbell. Your NDACTSNE president. The 2020-2021 academic year is proving to be a wild and crazy one so far! The continual change and needs observed by students & families related to COVID-19 is keeping the special populations staff on our toes. Thankfully there is promise in the air and hope for better times ahead. I am confident as we wrap up this school year we will be stronger and have succeeded in making impacts that last longer than this pandemic!

This past year has brought some changes to both the leadership and representation of our organization. Our long-time director, Debra Huber, retired last spring and has been replaced by

Michael Netzloff. Michael promises to bring a wealth of knowledge and dedication to this role and we have enjoyed working with him, mostly virtually!

After having last year's conference virtual, the CTE PD Conference is resuming face to face in Bismarck this summer. Make plans to attend and celebrate the opportunity to work under the same roof! You will not regret joining. I truly feel lucky to have such a passionate group of educators involved with NDACTSNE and honored to serve you as president. To maintain our ACTE association status we are required to have a minimum of ten paid members. Your involvement is imperative to success. Should you know of someone who would like to join our group please invite them to join our association. As president, I will step down August 2021 and serve as Past President. I will support the incoming and continue my mission of building a strong organization beside the incoming president. We need to build capacity and grow as an organization. Please consider inviting others to join us and running for office.

It is my hope that you are well and stay healthy, and I hope to see you at our summer conference August, 2021.

Amy Campbell, NDACTSNE President

**“Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.”**

**Voltaire**

### **NDACTSNE Membership Awards**

There are four different opportunities for you to express **your appreciation** by nominating a **worthy candidate or candidates for one of the NDACTSNE Membership Awards:**

- **Outstanding Teacher of the Year**
- **Outstanding Member of the Year**
- **Outstanding Direct Support Provider of the Year**
- **Outstanding Indirect Support Provider of the Year**

### **Who do you know that was an Outstanding Teacher of the Year?**

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#### **NDACTSNE**

### **Outstanding Teacher of the Year**

***Dear NDACTSNE Members:***

***Please consider this your invitation to nominate yourself or a colleague for the NDACTSNE Outstanding Teacher***

Consider nominating advisory committee members, members of the business community, school leaders or others who have helped your program thrive. Be thinking, also, about the dedicated Career and Technical Resource Educators, Basic Skills Educators, or other Career and Technical Special Populations personnel whose contributions have contributed to the quality of your program.

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Questions? Please contact:  
Barb Quintus, NDACTSNE Awards Chair  
701 751 6501, ext. 2103

*of the Year award. We recognize that there are several CTE Special Needs Resource Educators who may be working in programs where:*

- a) they are not working as part of a team of educators who may be familiar with the award,*
- b) their administrator or supervisor does not have a working knowledge of this award, and*
- c) they have accomplishments that may have gone unnoticed due to a or b.*

Outstanding Member	Teacher of the Year	Award Winners Direct Support	Indirect Support	Past President
2019 Amy Campbell/Pat Johnson <i>West Fargo Sheyenne</i>				Traci Eklund <i>NDSCS</i>
2018	Audrey Kasproicz <i>Grand Forks</i>	Ken Kompelein	Linda Kuntz <i>ND CTE</i>	Maria Kaduc <i>NDSCS</i>
2017 Audrey Kasproicz <i>Grand Forks</i>		Dr. Denise Jonas <i>Cass County CTE Center</i>	Marlon Kasowski <i>Grand Forks Central</i>	Maria Kaduc <i>NDSCS</i>
2016 Brandi Rudland <i>Dakota College Bottineau</i>		Mindi Bessler		Deb Holbrook
2015 Deb Holbrook <i>Grand Forks Red River</i>		Mindi Bessler <i>NDSCS</i>		Deb Holbrook
2014				Kalyn Botz
2013 Ann Kok <i>Beulah</i>	Traci Eklund <i>NDSCS</i>	Valerie Vetter <i>Bismarck</i>	Harvey Link <i>NDSCS</i>	
2012 Audrey Kasproicz <i>Grand Forks Area CTC</i>	Kathy Jerke <i>Mandan High</i>	Eric Ripley <i>Grand Forks Public Schools Bismarck</i>	Diane Schlosser	
2011 Nancy Melhorn <i>Fargo South</i>	Lisa Schumacher	Deborah Dusek	Debra Huber <i>ND CTE</i>	
2010 Ann Kok <i>Beulah</i>	Deb Holbrook <i>Grand Forks Red River</i>		Robert Lech <i>Beulah</i>	
2009 Kris Scarborough <i>Bismarck Century</i>		Dale Hoerauf <i>Bismarck Public Schools</i>		
2008 Ron Dahley <i>West Fargo</i> Gerri Harris <i>Valley City</i>	Suzanne Hagelstrom <i>NDSCS</i>		Jill Bushaw <i>Bismarck Century</i>	
2007 Kris Scarborough <i>Bismarck Century</i>	Florence Johnson <i>NDSCS</i>	Dr. Jeff Schatz <i>Grand Forks Central</i>	Dr. John Richman <i>NDSCS</i>	Kara Gruenberg
2006 Ron Dahley <i>West Fargo</i> Audrey Kasproicz <i>Grand Forks Central</i>	Kara Gruenberg <i>NDSCS</i>	Maria Kaduc <i>NDSCS</i>		
2005 -----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2004 Ann Kok <i>Beulah</i> Theresa Leipon <i>Devils Lake</i>	Linda Fee <i>Devils Lake</i>	Jerome Gunderson <i>Grand Forks Schools</i>	Gloria Dolman	
2003 Kara Gruenberg <i>NDSCS</i>		Dr. Richard Warner <i>Fargo South</i>		
2002 Bunnie Johnson <i>NDSCS</i>	Fanny Seville <i>Bismarck High</i>	Sue Myxter <i>Fargo Schools</i>	Dr. Rita Kelly <i>Bismarck Century</i>	
Outstanding Member	Teacher of the Year	Award Winners Direct Support	Indirect Support	Past President
2001 Julie Hersch <i>Fargo North</i>	Mary Beth Puetz <i>Fargo South</i>	LaDonna Elhardt <i>Minot Schools</i>	Thomas Hesford <i>Bismarck High</i>	
2000 Garry Freier <i>ND CTE</i>		Terry Kovarik <i>NDSCS</i>	Bob Gette <i>Grand Forks</i>	



**"Gratitude is not in the words, but in the heart that expresses it." Luffina Lourdura**

**Many wonderful members have previously been honored.**

**Take the time today to show gratitude & recognize others that are advocating for Special Populations.**

**A Special THANKS to the  
20-21 NDACTSNE Executive Board  
for your dedication!**

Amy Campbell, President & Conference Graduate Credit

Kara Gruenberg, Treasurer, Finance Chair & Public Relations Chair

Barb Quintus, Awards Chairperson

Mary Beth Anderson, Newsletter

Kristen Buchmeier, NDACTE Representative, Public Relations and Member-At-Large  
(1 year)

Member-At-Large (2 years) – **Needs filling**

Pat Johnson, Member-At-Large (3 years) & Awards Committee

Michael Netzloff, Administrator Educational Equity, Special Populations & Private  
Schools, Finance committee

**Please consider joining the executive board!  
Looking to fill, President and Member-At- Large.  
Your involvement will make a positive impact.**

**Contact Amy Campbell at 701-499-1863  
[acampbell@westfargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:acampbell@westfargo.k12.nd.us)**

# A word from a few of your Board Members:

## Kristen Buchmeier



I am the CTRE and Alternative High School Coordinator at the Lake Area Career and Technology Center in Devils Lake, ND. This is my 6th year.

I have been a Member-at-Large on the

NDACTSNE board for six years and the Special Population's NDACTE Rep for four years.

CTE provides knowledge, skills, and direction for students in their everyday lives!

The NDACTSNE group is fun and provides a wealth of experience to both new and "aged well" instructors in the areas of CTE and Special Populations.

## Traci Eklund,

### Associate Professor,

Academic Services Center Reading and Writing

NDSCS, Wahpeton, ND

Board member since 2013, Past President



"Strive for progress not perfection" is a quote that resonates with me especially this academic year. To be flexible in meeting the needs of the student and willing to make changes to instruction and lessons at a moment's notice is the key to success. As long as all are working to move in the direction of learning, at any pace, there is success in teaching.

Any opportunity to join a group of talented, caring, experienced educators who face similar challenges and have similar success stories is a benefit to any teacher in ND. If anyone is considering joining NDACTSNE this year, the clear answer is YES!

## Mary Beth Anderson



I am a CTRE for West Fargo Public Schools, I serve ½ days at Sheyenne High School and ½ time at West Fargo High School. It is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year in this position. It is my first year writing the NDACTSNE, Newspaper.

Never before have I been so thankful for face-to-face

instruction. Relationships are the cornerstone of academic success. Seeing, interacting, and supporting students has brought success and hope for academic accomplishments! NDACTSNE is an amazing group of professionals that strive to help special populations. Join and get involved today! The benefits are immeasurable.

## Barb Quintus

Specific Learning Disabilities Teacher and CTRE Educator  
Mandan High School

NDACTSNE Board Member for 5 years  
– Awards Chairperson

"Life throws challenges but with patience and resilience, you can convert every challenge into a new opportunity to grow." – Amit Ram  
Even though we are thrown challenges every day, this year has been extremely challenging. I want to say "thank you" for meeting the COVID challenge head on.....You are the best!

Want to join the best group ever, join the NDACTSNE. We have the best Spring Conference of any group out there. Come join and make memories with us.



## Perkins V – Fun Facts

### *Did you know?*

- **Originator: Carl D. Perkins**
- **Federal Education program**
- **Invests in Secondary and postsecondary CTE programs in ALL 50 States and Territories**
- **Can be used for Professional development, Tech assistance, Creation of new programs, Support for continuous improvement of programs, Career exploration, guidance and advertisement, Data collection and analysis!!!**

#### **What is the Purpose of Perkins?**

Perkins is dedicated to increasing learner access to high-quality CTE programs of study. With a focus on systems alignment and program improvement, this law has been critical to ensuring programs meet the ever-changing needs of learners and employers.

#### **Who Benefits from Perkins?**

- **Learners:** Approximately 7 million secondary learners and 4 million postsecondary learners are enrolled in CTE programs nationwide.<sup>1</sup>
- **Employers:** Nearly 60 percent of companies report having difficulty filling job openings because of a lack of qualified applicants. This can cost a company upwards of \$800,000 each year in lost productivity and recruitment.<sup>2</sup> CTE programs are responsive to current and emerging labor market demands.
- **Communities:** A community with a skilled workforce leads to a strong economy. For example, **Washington** has found a return of \$7 for every dollar invested in CTE at the high school level, while taxpayers in **Wisconsin** see a return of \$12.20 for every dollar invested in its technical college system.<sup>3,4</sup>

#### **What is CTE?**

CTE is an educational option that provides learners with the knowledge and skills they need to be **prepared for college and careers**. CTE gives purpose to learning by emphasizing **real-world skills** and practical knowledge within a selected career focus.

Learners in CTE programs take specialized courses, in addition to required courses, and often have the opportunity to participate in **internships**, engage with mentors and practice what they are learning through **hands-on projects**. Learners can participate in CTE at the middle or high school level and at postsecondary institutions in every community in every state across the United States.

[UnderstandingPerkinsV\\_UpdatedAugust2018.pdf \(careertech.org\)](#)



## 2021 CTE Professional Development Conference (PDC)

- August 9-11, 2021 - Bismarck Event Center, Bismarck ND  
NDACTSNE is making plans for a social. More info to follow.

**Down the road....**

**Stay tuned for the 2022 NDACTSNE Spring Conference – Jamestown ND, Date TBD**

**Conference will include: Site visits, speakers, collaboration and rejuvenation!**

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## **Future Region V Conference Dates and Locations**

2021 – Virtually, hosted by Nevada, April 15-17

2022 – TBA

2023 – Fargo, North Dakota, April 12-15

2024 – Hawaii, April 6-9

Region V | ACTE ([acteonline.org](https://acteonline.org))



# North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Special Needs Educators (NDACTSNE) Membership Application

Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
School/Institution:				
Home Address:			City:	
State:	Zip:	E-mail:		
Work Phone:		Cell Phone:		

NDACTSNE is the professional organization for personnel serving the academic needs of special population students. CTE special population students include:

- ☐ Students with disabilities
- ☐ Students from economically disadvantaged families including foster children
- ☐ Students preparing for nontraditional fields
- ☐ Students with limited English proficiency
- ☐ Single parents, including single pregnant students
- ☐ Displaced homemakers

NDACTSNE encourages you to consider membership in the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (ND-ACTE).

[https://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who\\_We\\_Are/States/North\\_Dakota/MembershipApp\\_%20ND.PDF](https://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Who_We_Are/States/North_Dakota/MembershipApp_%20ND.PDF)

	Amount
<input type="radio"/> NDACTSNE	\$15.00 _____
<input type="radio"/> Student Membership	\$ 2.00 _____
	Total Due _____

Make checks payable to: **NDACTSNE**

Mail your check to: **Kara Gruenberg  
ND State College of Science  
800 6<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Wahpeton, ND 58076**